

## Brief Guide to American Memory

1. Explore the **American Memory** home page.  
(<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amhome.html>)
2. Find the **List of Collections**. Explore some of the collections, in particular, *Touring Turn-of-the-Century America, 1880-1920*. What do you find there that helps you learn about child labor in America and the type of work children did?
3. To get a sense of how large American Memory is, browse the list of current collections. Scroll below the search box to see the list. Chose **Descriptions** to learn more about the collections.
4. Next, use the **Collection Finder** to locate items in different media formats. Find:
  - Photos and Prints - Find a photo of a city you know.
  - Maps - Find a map of the same city.
  - Written Materials - find a document on early labor unions written prior to 1938.
  - Sound Recordings -Find a song or music recording of your choice.
5. Print what you've found along with its bibliographic information. For sound recordings, print the page with the bibliographic information.
6. How would you cite these sources? Go to the **Learning Page**. Use **Citing Electronic Sources** for examples. (Check under Research Tools.)
7. Now that you've found the Learning Page, use the **Search Help** section to find topics that you want to research in American Memory.  
For example:
  - a. On the **Time Pathfinder**, choose the year 1900, and look for *Touring Turn-of-the-Century America, 1880-1920*. What information can you find about breaker boys?
  - b. Try the **Topics Pathfinder**. What might you find about labor in the *Votes for Women* collection?